

## **FEAFFA weekly activity updates 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> October 2012**

### **1. Collect data for the policy papers on self regulation and mutual recognition of customs agents licenses**

Data collection for the two studies above was done in Nairobi and Malaba. The consultants met with clearing agents on both sides of the Malaba border gathering their views on the two issues. They also met with the Kenya Revenue Authority. A member of the FEAFFA secretariat is accompanying the team. Data collection will continue until end of the Month in all the EAC countries.

### **2. Submission of the USAID AIIM concept note**

The secretariat prepared and submitted a concept note to USAID East Africa on strengthening capacity of Clearing and Forwarding Agents on clearance of maize and beans across EAC borders. Feedback is expected in a month's time. The focus is on key EAC borders. The next step will be developing a full proposal should we succeed at this initial stage.

### **3. Preparing for the CIC meeting to validate EACFFPC training materials in Mombasa**

The federation continued with preparations for the CIC meeting scheduled for 31<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2012 in Mombasa. Follow up was made on the earlier sent invitations and confirmations are expected to start coming in this week. The meeting is expected to validate the EACFFPC training materials developed by the team of subject experts in readiness for deployment in January 2013.

### **4. Fundraising for institutional support**

Upon ending of the USAID COMPETE's institutional support period to the federation's secretariat on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012, the secretariat continued with rigorous negotiations to secure funding. Discussion with TMEA succeeded in securing support albeit starting November 2012 until December 2013. FEAFFA re-submitted its earlier request to USAID-COMPETE for re-allocation of utilized institutional support funds under the grant to bridge the gap.

### **5. Participate in the Ministry of Trade meeting on Joint Border committees**

The federation participated in a two day meeting aimed at developing a framework to institutionalize the Joint Border Committees in the Ministry of Trade of the Republic of Kenya. The meeting was sponsored by COMPETE Transit Unit. The federation was represented by one of the members of its Board from Kenya.